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KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGE ORIGINALLY FILED AGAINST BOYFRIEND

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing child pornography originally suspected of belonging to her boyfriend.

Rose H. Beatty, 22, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to the charge contained in a March 31, 2005, federal indictment.

Today's guilty plea stems from charges originally filed against Kevin M. Duncan, 23, of Independence, Mo.

"At the time the child pornography was discovered on a computer, Beatty was living with Duncan in Independence and they were sharing the computer," Graves said. "Beatty originally denied any knowledge of the images but after charges were filed against her boyfriend she admitted that she was responsible for downloading the child pornography. As soon as Beatty took responsibility for her actions, the charges against Duncan were promptly dismissed."

By pleading guilty, **Beatty** admitted that she knowingly possessed more than 10 visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct between Nov. 8, 2001, and May 24, 2002. At least one of the visual depictions was of a minor under the age of 12 and at least one was of a minor receiving sadistic, masochistic or violent treatment, Graves said. **Beatty** also agreed to forfeit her interest in the Hewlett Packard computer used to commit the offense.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Beatty** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Katherine Fincham. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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